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Andean silver miners may well feel discouraged when they pursue the following policy relative to the regulated absorption of the white metal. The United Nations' Commission for Latin America recently found in America:

"By more than two years since, when in Chicago, I gave my reasons for thinking that the current shortage of the metal was a result of the policy of the United Nations. Briefly stated, the position of St. James Westland, the finance minister in India, was to give India a gold standard, 1) by selling the gold reserves, 2) by melting up stocks of silver rupees on these coins were collected in the revenue, and 3) by selling the melted silver rupees for gold."

"The Indian government during the last 12 months has accumulated a stock of eight million pounds, but has found it quite impossible to face this gold into the currency of the country. The average price of gold in the international market was 950 shillings; it is impossible to secure change for a sovereign; and further the new currency bill passed in 1930 has had the effect of driving off silver rupees, thereby making it still more

*Men Clearing the Trail--More  
Supplies to be Taken up*

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### Cardinal Gibbons Strikes the Nail on the Head

national treasury for silver reserves. So that in 1,000,000,000 rupees valued silver the government had "stored" making a total of 1,000,000,000 rupees. It was a kind of "hoard" money in that money which, though lost in the rupee fall, comes out at the end of the year, is not lost. It was a hoard, but it was not a hoard in the sense that the rupee is even as you "hoard" 500,000,000. To reach this stage, he has been advised to "hoard" for more than 100,000,000,000 of our sterling silver.

But, notwithstanding these enormous charges, still all the symptoms show that the Government is not doing anything—nothing is a substituted plan in a time of drought. During the last few weeks the silver in the treasury reserve has fallen by more than 100,000,000,000, or 23 per cent., so that the cash reserve of the Government at Delhi is less than 500,000,000,000, or 20,000,000,000, lower than at the end of 1920. It is lower than at the end of 1919, and it is lower than it would be, even if the Government had straight away the first and the largest share on the rupee in the rupee fall. It is lower than it would be, even if the Government had straight away a full in the next stage, because as the rupee curve rises in 1921, it is relieved by the rupee fall. It is lower than it would be, even if the Government had straight away a full in the next stage, because as the rupee curve rises in 1921, it is relieved by the rupee fall. It is lower than it would be, even if the Government had straight away a full in the next stage, because as the rupee curve rises in 1921, it is relieved by the rupee fall.

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**About Agriculture.** While we of North East Kootenay are very anxious to see more farmers coming in to develop our agricultural resources we should consider that the question is not a mere local one, but that it is of provincial importance. The report recently issued by the Department of Trade and Navigation, Ottawa, should prove interesting to everyone having the welfare of British Columbia at heart. It is interesting to note the annual bread bill, which this province, with its hundreds of thousands of acres of virgin soil, pays in the shape of imports of mutton, butter, cheese, eggs, provisions of all kinds. Take for instance the single item of butter, of which we imported \$291,367 from the United States. And the B. C. Trade Budget is authority for the statement that at least four times as much Manitoba and eastern butter was shipped in. These figures are for the year ending June 30th, 1900, and include the Yukon. Then, why should not some greater effort be made to advertise our land.

**Too Superficial.** The average prospector is altogether too superficial in his work. Finding a vein of certain mineral bearing formation he is content to pick-prospect it in one or two of the largest outcrops. If at this point the blossom rock is barren, or spoon, pan or other simple test gives no satisfactory return, however promising and "lively" the country formation, enclosing rocks or vein may be, it is considered no good, and the field abandoned.

The apex of a chute or chamber, when outcropping, may often be covered with less than a sack of blanket, wedge shaped, with the point upward, and blind on either side. A week at the largest of desultory pick work with no good returns, in an extensive virgin territory, convinces the novices that the El Dorado is "just over the divide."

There will be more finds recorded when the prospector, having discovered a fruitful territory, if it is in human possibility, camps right there for the season, and if necessary, when the lode is blind, trenches to find the source of float, and cross-cuts every 20 or 30 feet along the line of the lode claim. Stay with it; persistency will win.

The prevalent fault of the old-timer is apt to be that he is too positive, too bigoted, and is generally married to certain favorite formations, and will have no good in others.

To illustrate: The Montana miner insists on granite as a necessity in the country formation; the Californian, in contact, or in close proximity slate is a prime factor in a gold belt, etc. They do not appear to consider that nearly all kinds of rock are combinations of two or more minerals, and many kinds of their favorite formation, a few "fruitful," many "hungry."

**Paper Miner.** Prudence should point out to buyers of mining stock the risks which are incurred when dealing with mining companies whose properties are advertised by the circular and pamphlet methods. Reports for dealers in mining stocks are easily obtained from any property which the dealers are floating, by the common mode of securing the services of an unprincipled examiner whose name cannot suffer by any report he may make; for the parties who give flattering reports of mines which are either valueless or undeveloped prospects, are either misinformed, ignorant, or unscrupulous, and in any case without fame or names which lend weight to any reports they sign.

Mining journals are naturally in the field for mining news, and it should occur to one who thinks that reports of development and probable futures of legitimate mining properties are likely to be found in one or more of these, and thus it happens that a subscription to a mining paper often proves to be a better investment than the subscriber calculated on when subscribing. Reliable mining papers, and it does not pay to be otherwise in this particular field, give facts, as nearly as it is possible to obtain them, concerning mines and mining. Expenses for labor are spared to arrive at correct reports. Investors are advised regarding the progress of work, the outputs, if any, and the likelihood of future success as development proceeds. Inquiries are answered and every possible safeguard thrown around those who will take advantage of it by reading papers published for the purpose of giving such information.

Mines of fabulous value, on paper, are advertised and sold generally by aid of prospectuses and circulars, but rarely are they mentioned in mining papers except in a derogatory way. Financial journals are consulted for information by shrewd business men; and why people will rush in the market and swallow the alluring bait held out to them by mining stock dealers without informing themselves by reading journals is one of things we cannot understand.

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## CONDITIONS OF DEATH

Recently several people asked the Outcrop man, "What are the conditions of death?" This is a question upon which everyone may have their own ideas, and upon which none can give sufficient reasons of belief to produce facts. The belief, or superstitions, inherited by men by reason of early teaching, can seldom if ever be entirely shaken off. We do not pretend to know anything of the trail leading across the great divide, and if we have any religious notions we will allow everyone else to have their's and will never molest them. Yet, in view of the discussion which has taken place we append an article which deals with the subject from a fairly independent view.

Concerning the great change which we call Death, the common lot of all, the demimystical vale which lies between the living and the dead, there is a remarkable diversity of views continues to prevail. The Western Roman Catholic church still preaches the immortality, not only of the soul, but also of the body; the Protestant churches teach the immortality of the soul under physical conditions which are not denied; the Swedenborgians and the Spiritualists maintain that the spiritual life is a continuance of the present, one under what may be called ethereal or ethereal conditions, and the Christian Scientists declare that human life is wholly a spiritual phenomenon, the actual conditions before and after death being practically the same.

It is of much interest, therefore, to note the very remarkable changes which have recently taken place in the views of science concerning the problem of all problems. It seems not unlikely, from the signs of the present, that science, with its calm and cool method, will very shortly harmonize all these varying views and set at rest all controversy over this question for a long time to come.

The wave of agnostic infidelity, the scientific "reign of terror," as the old Duke of A gill called it, began to form about 1870. The announcement of Darwin's discovery, the descent of man, found religion unprepared with the scientific weapons necessary to fight with a new and unexpected enemy, and agnosticism won battle after battle in the reviews with that big game and swinging insolence which always makes for contempt among the mob.

More in point with the sciences of mental physiology and psychology, immediately succumbed to the new philosophy, and the immortality of the soul, for quite ten years, seemed likely to go the way of the material heaven and the material hell, which had been abandoned as a hypothesis of the Christian faith. This was due to the sound of mental physiologists represented by Maudsley, Ribot and Hammond, who, in their different ways, made strenuous attempts to prove that consciousness, memory, and will, were purely vital processes, were results of vital action and not the way for the reader to see could not possibly have any existence independent of the body which had generated and developed them. All this, with the Darwinian theory for a background, was in a time very convincing.

Its results were visible in the writings of Huxley in England and the lectures of Legeard in this country. It directed the tone of the press to a very marked degree, and made a deep public impression, both in England and America, which still continues to exist at the present time.

Another minor but important result was the fact that all the graduates of the great medical universities of Europe, from this period were agnostic. The old school doctrine of their best and best result with Providence. The new school, did their best, and left the result with a vitality of the patient.

This state of affairs endured, rapidly speaking, for about twenty years, till 1890. The natural reaction then set in and it quickly became manifest that the soul of the new converts to a faith that had not been digested had carried thinkers to an extreme which was illogical and absurd; psychology quickly reverted to the position of Professor James of Harvard, that the physical conditions could not possibly be expressed in terms of matter, and that the soul must certainly be discriminated from the vital principle governing the body.

Then came Wundt with the theory, admirably presented and sustained, that the physical life is not the result of the physical organization, but the physical organism is its physical creature. This was an entirely new aspect of the Darwinian philosophy and was strenuously fought by the materialists.

They were in a bit of not hopeless dilemma, however. Man had been existing on earth for certainly one hundred thousand years, if not very much longer. During that time he had not altered structurally so far as could be seen. Either the great dominant instinctive law of evolution had ceased to act, or human evolution had passed from the physical to the mental.

Materialism was forced to accept this proposition, the old pre-Darwinian state of affairs reasserted itself, but this was an important result that had gained; human evolution had become a possible key to, and a vague source of measure-

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clear understanding of the political situation  
in America:

"While in this country it is becoming  
harder and harder for the great masses  
of the people to get a living, there are  
too many in this country who have their  
two millions, their ten millions and  
their twenty millions, and carry the  
legislatures in one pocket and the con-  
gress of the United States in the other  
and there is trouble ahead, Revolution.  
I pray God it may be peaceful  
revolution, and at the ballot box. The  
time must come in this country when  
men shall be sent into public position  
who cannot be purchased. I do not  
want the union of church and state,  
but I do declare that if the church of  
God does not show itself in favor of the  
great mass of the people as well as in  
favor of the Lord the time will come  
when the church as an institution will  
be extinct, and Christ will go down  
again to the beach and choose twelve  
plain honest fishermen to come up in  
the apostolic ship of a new dispensation  
of righteousness, manhood and God-  
ward. History is crying this loud.  
There have been studies enacted in  
this nation within the last thirty years  
and to swamp three monarchies. The  
democratic party filled it up of inquiry  
before it went out of power before the  
war. Then the republican party came  
along, and its opportunities thru the  
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